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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/914,878	Applicant(s) Mori et al.
	Examiner Rabon Sargent	Art Unit 1711

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Feb 11, 2003
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 7
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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1. Claims 6, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Within the next to the last line of claim 6, there is a word omission after "each".

Within claim 18, it is unclear why "having" is being used. Does the language, "comprising having the layer", differ from "comprising the layer"?

2. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for products wherein the anhydride is used such that the resulting polyester is carboxyl containing and hydroxyl terminated and the polyisocyanate is used such that the urethane prepolymer is isocyanate terminated, does not reasonably provide enablement for products wherein the anhydride is used such that the resulting polyester lacks hydroxyl groups or carboxyl groups and the polyisocyanate is used such that the urethane prepolymer is hydroxyl terminated. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Applicants have failed to provide adequate enablement for the production and use of urethane oligomers which are derived from products that do not contain carboxyl groups and hydroxyl groups and subsequent products that do not contain isocyanate groups.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chiang et al. ('535).

Chiang et al. disclose urethane oligomers derived by reacting a dianhydride with a polyol, then reacting the resulting product with a polyisocyanate, and finally reacting the second resulting product with an acrylate containing a free hydroxyl group. See abstract and column 2. Since the disclosed and claimed oligomers are derived from the same reactants, it is logical to conclude that the disclosed product inherently possesses the claimed molecular weight and acid value.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (703) 308-2982.

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